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CIVIC FEDERATION.

It is All Ready for a Christening.

Many of Topeka's Best Citizens Sign

A CALL FOR MEETING.

With Commendable Modesty Nobody is in a Hurry

To Push Himself Forward in the Movement.

Topeka's Civic Federation is already to blossom into existence, but a leader is wanted.

A Moses is yet to be found who will take the lead and call a meeting for the formation of the proposed organization, which is expected to play an important part in our municipal government.

If some one will bring on a Moses the Civic Federation will be a go.

The movement to organize the federation in Topeka was abandoned until after the excitement of the election had subsided, and the people are now discussing the organization. Several of those who had copies of the call have reported, but many more have not. It is evident from the names of those who have already signed the call that many of the staunch citizens of Topeka are in favor of such an organization.

P. L. Bonebrake said today: "Now is the time to organize the Civic Federation, when political excitement has subsided. I am in favor of such an organization to take city affairs out of partisan politics and for the city's good."

T. E. Bowman is strongly in favor of the project. He said: "Now that the election is over, and things are quieting down, the formation of a non-partisan municipal organization should be perfected as soon as possible. I am in favor of such an organization, but I want it understood that I would favor only a purely non-partisan society. If we have a Democratic or Prohibitionist or Populist in the city who would make the best mayor, he should be taken up and elected."

"The organization should be made soon in order to have it perfected as much as possible, so that there will be no danger of its falling into the hands of politicians."

Rev. Charles M. Sheldon said today: "Topeka ought to have a Civic Federation and it should be organized at once. I do not propose to be a leader in the movement, yet I am willing to do all I can to help its organization and in doing its work."

"Some one should issue a call for a mass meeting to be attended by all the people who have agreed to go into the organization when the Federation should be organized and its officers elected."

"The petitions for the organization of a Civic Federation which were gathered by Mayor Harrison some time ago have not yet all been returned but I understand they are being generally signed. The one which was sent to me was signed by most of the members of my church."

"The great amount of drunkenness of last Tuesday night and of election night ought to be enough to convince anyone that the laws are being violated and some kind of an organization is needed to enforce law."

"I want it understood that if there is to be any politics in it I will have nothing to do with it, and that if there is to be any effect it must be entirely non-partisan."

The Christian Endeavor societies in the city are considering the organization of a league on the plan of the Civic Federation. The intention is to support only such men as are especially fitted for the municipal office. When the Civic Federation is organized, it may absorb this movement, but it is not there will be two non-partisan municipal organizations in the city.

Those who talk in favor of the Federation, lay great stress on the provision that no member of the organization shall be permitted to hold a municipal office to which a salary is attached, or to become a candidate for such office. If members of the association were permitted to take advantage of the federation to gratify private ambition, the purity of the federation would be lost and it would be in danger of becoming another Tammany hall.

Among those who have signed the call for a Civic Federation meeting are the following:

J. B. Thomas, Chief Justice Albert H. Horton, T. E. Bowman, J. M. Miner, P. L. Bonebrake, C. H. King, E. H. Smith, H. J. Reeks, Jesse Shaw, F. G. Hubbard, J. H. Kohrer, Geo. E. Lerrigo, H. S. Fairchild, W. L. Trumbull, J. B. Tower, A. Hadley, C. E. Hawley, L. Eldridge, S. H. Allen (associate justice Supreme court), Albert Copley, F. G. Merrill, M. R. Ackley, M. J. H. Blinn, E. M. Hawley, L. J. Field, Chas. E. Eldridge, J. H. Runyon, E. J. Whitaker, A. F. Barker, C. A. Barker, W. L. White, Pratt, Mrs. Kate E. Freeman, J. W. Godfrey, Miss Lucy Stone, S. E. Godfrey, S. B. Alderson, James D. Walker, John E. Moore, J. N. Van Voorhis, A. K. Rodgers, W. C. Francis, J. D. Smith, G. E. Gips, David H. Gips, J. W. Belknap, R. T. McClure, R. B. Gernand, Charles Wolff, H. R. Hilton, J. A. M. Giffin, C. E. Rath, J. B. Larimer, C. N. Nelson, W. C. Ralston, Vinton Phenix, H. C. Bowman, George M. Leachan.

A Town's Inappreciativeness. ANSONIA, Conn., Nov. 15.—The library built by Caroline Phelps Stokes of New York, in memory of Anson G. Phelps, the founder of the city, and which has been supported by Miss Stokes for about twenty years, has been closed. The building has never been accepted by the town, and Miss Stokes has become disgusted with the lack of appreciation shown for her munificent offering.

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IN HIGH GLEE.

Wall Street Ventures Ready for the Gold Hoards.

NEW YORK, Nov. 15.—Now that bonds are offered New York bankers are calculating on the profit there will be in them. It is well understood in Wall street that the entire issue has been underwritten, and the underwriters will probably get the bonds, notwithstanding that the proposal is open to the public.

Those who look at the affair in a cold-blooded business way say the government will gain nothing by the issue; that it will not increase the amount of gold in the country, and that the banks which do not actually get the gold from the sub-treasury with which to pay for the bonds, but take it from their own holdings, will have it all back again in a few weeks.

While a number of the foreign bankers will take some of the bonds, it is not thought in Wall street that they will bring gold from Europe. Exchange rates are not favorable, and it is much more convenient to obtain the gold either from the sub-treasury or from banks here.

Bankers deny that the gold will be drawn from the sub-treasury. They say it will come from their own vaults. Mr. Stewart, of the United States Trust company, was quoted today as saying that all the bonds would be sold at once in Europe on a 3 per cent basis and the gold brought back here. Other bankers say this.

It is said that one syndicate made up of Drexel, Morgan & Co., Kuhn, Loeb & Co., Brown Bros. & Co., and two large trust companies will "dump" their bids.

The syndicate expects that the bid will be accepted. There are about several reports as to the amount of the subscription of several of the banks, but all reports of this kind were denied by the principals.

FOR RESUBMISSION.

Not of Prohibition but of Woman Suffrage.

Nathan Cree, who presented a minority report for woman suffrage to the Democratic state convention and afterward noted the ticket in the city today.

He is much disappointed over the defeat of the suffrage amendment, for if Mr. Cree has a great hobby, it is woman suffrage, and he doesn't care to talk about anything else. He is determined to do all he can to have the amendment again submitted by the coming legislature.

In an interview with a JOURNAL reporter after the state convention Mr. Cree said that the outlook for the Democracy was very dark and predicted the defeat of the Democrats. "My prediction has been verified," said he, "and the future of the Democracy is very dark. I strongly hope that the amendment will be submitted by the coming legislature."

ERRORS IN THE BIBLE.

Profound Baptists Admit Errors, But Say It Is Strengthened by Science.

DETROIT, Mich., Nov. 15.—The interpretation of the Old Testament, as affected by modern scholarship, was the question presented before the Baptist congress today. It was vigorously treated from the standpoint of the radical or higher criticism, the conservative or critically orthodox, and from the medium or mediocrity point of view.

The principal speakers were Prof. J. R. Sampey, of Louisville, Ky.; President Harper, of the Chicago University; President Brown, of the Newton Theological Seminary, and President Osgood, of the Rochester Theological Institute.

Each speaker announced unequivocally his conviction as to there being certain historical errors in the Old Testament, but each declared its functions as the word of God to man through men strengthened rather than impaired by modern criticism.

UPSTAIRS OR DOWNSTAIRS.

Highly Important Question to Be Settled by Gov. Leavelle.

A Kansas City paper says: Governor Leavelle will call a meeting to instruct the police commissioners of Kansas City, Kas., to force the jointists doing business on the principal business streets to move their places upstairs. Petitions asking the governor to do this are now being circulated. At the present time there are only two joints in the city that are not double fronted. The rest are all on the first floor and are located in the very business center of the city.

The merchants doing business along the streets claim that it injures their business to have these joints located on the street adjoining their business houses, and they are the ones who first started the scheme to have the joints placed up stairs. If the governor issues such an order there will be a big demand for the second stories of business houses.

WHO IS JOHN IRVING?

A So-Called Topeka Man Falls Into Trouble at Kansas City.

Today's Kansas City Journal contains the following: John Irving, of Topeka, Kansas, was walking along Independence avenue near Charlotte street last night when he met two members of the tough sixth ward gang, who knocked him down. They then lifted him up and threw him against the pavement with such violence that one of his arms was broken. Then they ran away and Irving was picked up by the police patrol wagon. Police Surgeon Iuen attended to his injuries.

[The name of John Irving is not given in the city directory.]

Howray to Address Anarchists.

PITTSBURGH, Nov. 15.—The anarchists of this city are arranging for a meeting here Saturday night in commemoration of the execution of the Chicago anarchists concerned in the Haymarket riot. Charles Wilford Howray, the English agitator and A. Lott of Chicago, will address the Reds.

Pullman Dividend Declared.

CHICAGO, Nov. 15.—The Pullman Palace car company paid today its regular quarterly dividend of \$2 per share.

Prescott & Co. have removed to No. 118 West Eighth street.

LEFT TO THE FLAMES.

Forest Fires Threaten Colorado Towns With Destruction.

Gold Hill Has Been Abandoned by Its Residents.

BURIED THEIR GOODS.

Vigorous Efforts Made to Save the Town of Ward.

Loss Already Reaches One Hundred Thousand Dollars.

BOULDER, Col., Nov. 15.—A fierce fire is burning in the pine timber on the mountains west of this city. It started last night in a saw mill and has already burned over an area of several square miles and is spreading rapidly.

Ward, a mining camp fifteen miles from here having about 1,000 inhabitants and Gold Hill a mining camp of 600 inhabitants six miles north of Boulder, are in danger of being destroyed. Many of the inhabitants have fled. Several ranches in the canon between the two places have been burned over.

Gold Hill has been abandoned to the flames. Before leaving the place the inhabitants stored the most valuable personal properties in the mining tunnels, which they sealed up. The population of Gold Hill numbered about 500, most of whom are on their way to this city. A large force is fighting the flames, and it is believed Ward will be saved.

The loss already caused by the fire is estimated at \$100,000.

SLOW BUT CERTAIN.

Mr. Schwartz Exhibits Wrath That Should Have Been Uncorked Years Ago.

W. C. Schwartz is a young man with a mother. He thinks a good deal of his mother as all young men should and although his wrath is slow to kindle it gets there just the same. J. S. Collins is a real estate agent in the Stormont building and a couple of years ago Mr. Schwartz and his mother lived in a house that Mr. Collins had under his wing.

There was some trouble about it and Mr. Schwartz declares that Mr. Collins said things that the mother should not have uttered. All that was two years ago. Mr. Schwartz got mad about it yesterday and proceeded to lie in wait for Mr. Collins. When the two came together there was a good deal of loud talk and some little laying out of hands which did not end a cure and finally Mr. Collins had Mr. Schwartz arrested. The case was tried in police court this morning and Mr. Schwartz was fined \$5 for tampering with Mr. Collins' peace.

THANKSGIVING DINNERS.

The Associated Charities Plans One For Every Family.

The Associated Charities has planned a dinner for Thanksgiving Day. A list of families unable to provide a Thanksgiving dinner for themselves will be supplied, through the visitors, and these lists will be sent to our benevolent people, with a statement of the street number, and the number and age of persons in the family to be provided for. The one accepting the family becomes responsible to see that the family is well provided with a good Thanksgiving dinner.

We solicit the hearty co-operation of the public in this effort.

BENJAMIN L. SMITH, President Associated Charities.

CZAR'S DEATH EXPENSIVE.

The Doctors Alone Got 600,000 Roubles For Their Work.

LONDON, Nov. 15.—A dispatch from Vienna to the Times says papers there state that, including the 600,000 roubles divided among the doctors, Czar Alexander's illness and journey to Livadia, cost 10,000,000 roubles.

The correspondent of the Daily News at St. Petersburg notes the arrival there of the king of Greece, saying his majesty desired to go to Livadia, but the late czar implacably declined to be moved by the intercession of the czarina and queen of Greece. Czar Alexander never forgave the king's implication that his daughter's death was hastened by the unhappy life she led with her husband, Grand Duke Paul.

O'MALLY GIVES UP.

The Chicago Man Charged With Election Outrages Surrenders Himself.

CHICAGO, Nov. 15.—Ex-State Senator John O'Mally, for whom the police have been searching since the night of the election, surrendered himself today. O'Mally is charged with having wounded a bar-tender and cab driver and was also wanted for alleged complicity in the murder of Gus Colliander, the judge of elections who was killed while resisting an attempt to steal a ballot box.

O'Mally denied that he had anything to do with the ballot theft.

LINCOLN FOR THE SENATE.

A Plan to Carry the Illinois Legislature for Him Instead of Cullom.

CHICAGO, Nov. 15.—A morning paper is authority for the following: "At the proper time and at the proper place a senatorial boom will be started for 'Bob' Lincoln, which by those interested in the proposed coup d'etat is expected to land the son of Abraham Lincoln in the United States senate as the successor of Senator Cullom."

Paul at Francis Murphy's Lecture.

HARTFORD, Conn., Nov. 15.—While Francis Murphy, the temperance advocate, was speaking to a large audience in the fourth church tonight flames were discovered behind the organ and a panic ensued. In spite of the efforts of Murphy and others every one crushed through the exits and several ladies fainted in the excitement but there were no casualties. The loss is \$15,000.

MINERS REFUSE A CUT.

The Foreign Miners Are Leth to Go on Another Strike However.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Nov. 15.—The situation between the operators and miners of the Pittsburgh district remains unchanged. The New York and Cleveland Gas Coal company and the Pittsburgh and Chicago Coal company, two of the largest firms in the district are operating their mines at 55 cents per ton, 14 cents under the district price, established as a result of the recent big strike. Other operators who are running their mines under the Columbus agreement, say it is impossible to compete with these two companies with such a big differential against them. They have served notice on the miners that they must submit to a cut, but the reply was a positive refusal. This is the present status of the case and developments are awaited by both sides.

It is probable that if the miners' wages are reduced in defiance of the Columbus scale, the miners will take the matter into court and ask that the law compel an observance of the contract. There has been talk of a strike among the English speaking coke workers, but they have not been able to get far to enlist the assistance of the foreign element, there has been nothing come of the talk.

The last strike resulted so disastrously for the foreigners that they are unwilling to stir up more trouble. The cut in wages of the miners in the Clearfield district does not go into effect until tomorrow.

SHE MARRIED A LORD.

And Now a Connecticut Girl Has Got a Divorce From Him.

NEW YORK, Nov. 15.—A special dispatch to the World from London says: It has just leaked out that a quillity suit, brought by Lady Edmund Fitzmaurice against her husband, was tried in chambers and decided off-hand without any intimation to the press representatives attending court, though usually they are informed of such cases. The suit was the one hundredth on the list and should not have been heard in ordinary cases for several months. But without any notice in court it was taken out of its turn with the result stated.

The lady, who is the daughter of W. B. Fitzgerald of Litchfield, Conn., and of New York, married Lord Edmund Fitzmaurice in 1889. The suit was undefended, the allegation being that the marriage never was consummated.

Lord Edmund is the only brother of the Marquis of Lansdowne, late viceroy of India and was under secretary of foreign affairs in Gladstone's 1880 government. He recently tried to re-enter parliament but the Liberals disapproved his candidacy and it now appears because this suit was known in aristocratic circles to be pending.

JOE COOK ON SUFFRAGE.

Says Women Should Have the Ballot—Other Questions Discussed.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Nov. 15.—Joseph Cook of Boston delivered a lecture on "The Ballot" here, in which he said that he believes in moderate protection and is of the opinion that free trade will come some time. He does not dread immigration so much as he does illiteracy. He thinks paupers and criminals ought to be kept out, but the laws ought to be for the west coast and the east coast. The Chinaman ought not to be shut out and the Pole let in. He wants the ballot made compulsory and the reading test applied to voters. Then he would extend suffrage to women. He would fine a man who refused to register in the centralization of population, without permanent municipal reforms, and in the illiteracy of the masses, which he says is growing. The negro question is also one which needs solving, he says. When the hundredth anniversary of President Lincoln's emancipation occurs there will over 100,000,000 negroes and 150,000,000 whites in the United States, according to his figures.

WOMEN DRAW COLOR LINE.

Chicago's Aristocratic Woman's Club Quarrels Over Admission of a Colored Woman.

CHICAGO, Nov. 15.—The aristocratic Woman's club, after a stormy session, today refused to admit to membership a noted colored lecturer, Mrs. Fannie B. Williams. Her application occurred Mrs. Williams for membership had been considered at several secret sessions and a quarrel of the first magnitude was developed by the discussions.

A strong faction of the club, led by Mrs. Charles Henrotin, wife of the millionaire broker, strongly opposed the drawing of the color line, and today's action of the membership committee is likely, it is thought, to disrupt the organization. A reconsideration of today's action is not improbable, and should Mrs. Williams be admitted to the club, the names of several other prominent colored women will be pressed for membership.

Agricultural Colleges' Officers.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 15.—The annual election of officers of the association of American agricultural colleges and experiment stations was held today with these results: President, H. E. Alvord, Oklahoma; secretary and treasurer, P. L. Washburn, Rhode Island; bibliographer, S. W. Johnson, Connecticut, and executive committee, H. H. Goodell, Massachusetts; H. C. White, Georgia; M. A. Scorrill, Kentucky, and H. P. Arnsby, Pennsylvania.

Striking Weavers Go Back.

PANTRY, R. I., Nov. 15.—The striking weavers at the Lorraine mills who have been out since October 2, voted last night to return to their looms next Monday. The settlement was accomplished through the intercession of Mayor Tiepeke. It is claimed by the management that the employees will be the introduction of improved machinery be able to earn more than before the cut down.

Chinese Army Is Lost.

TIEN TSIN, Nov. 15.—The present whereabouts of the Chinese army which was defeated at Kin Lien Cheng is unknown here. Col. Von Hennekin has been given supreme command of the Chinese navy.

New neck bands put on your shirts at TOPEKA STEAM LAUNDRY.

SWEPT BY A STORM.

The Disastrous Storm in England Still Raging.

River Avon the Highest in One Hundred Years.

MANY SHIPS ASHORE.

A Fierce Hurricane is Also Blowing in France.

Wind is so Strong Its Velocity Can't Be Registered.

LONDON, Nov. 15.—Stormy weather and floods continue to prevail over the south part of England and the loss of life and damage to property is increasing greatly. At Bath, Somersetshire, the river Avon has reached the highest point of the century. Thousands of people are homeless and are being fed by the authorities in various schools and other public buildings.

Dispatches received here from Dover say that the gale is blowing with renewed violence. Several ships have been washed ashore along that portion of the coast.

The floods in Sussex are increasing. Many houses at Windsor and at Eton have been flooded. At Worthing, Sussex, the bodies of seven drowned sailors have been washed ashore.

FIERCE STORM IN PARIS.

The Wind So High It Couldn't Even Be Registered.

NEW YORK, Nov. 15.—A special dispatch to the world from Paris says: This city has been visited by a terrible storm. Many people have been killed. Numerous roofs were blown off and the telegraph lines were broken down. The provinces were flooded. The velocity of the wind was so great that the anemometers on the Eiffel tower and St. Jacques tower were unable to register it.

TO UNITE ALL LABOR.

Howard and Sovereign Both Propose Such a Plan to the K. of L.

NEW ORLEANS, Nov. 15.—The Knights of Labor were in session three hours today, adjourning just before 1 o'clock. They will meet again this afternoon. The morning session was consumed in listening to an address by Mr. George Howard, vice president of the American Railway union who has been specially invited to attend the session. Mr. Howard presented a proposition for the consolidation of all labor organizations into one vast body, under a single board of management and with an amalgamation of interests. He believed that if such a plan were adopted labor would be in a position to more completely have its wrongs redressed and the more speedily to obtain its rights.

Grand Master Sovereign also spoke in favor of the plan proposed by Mr. Howard, which he recommended as possessing elements of advantage that it would not be well to overlook. No business will be transacted during the session, but there was a general discussion of views on the proposition of Mr. Howard.

MINERS WANTED CONTROL.

That Is Why They Were Shut Out of the K. of L. Convention.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Nov. 15.—"The true inwardness of the shutting out of the miners' delegates from the Knights of Labor convention in New Orleans," says the Chronicle-Telegraph, "is well known here. It was their plan to join forces with the Powderly delegates, thus giving them control of the convention. James Campbell, ex-president of the Window Glass Workers' association, was to be elected general master workman, and Robert Watciner, state factory inspector of Pennsylvania, was to be offered the office of national secretary-treasurer, thus completely shutting out the present administration."

"But Secretary-Treasurer Hayes was wary and looking over the books, found that the local assemblies composing National Trades Assembly 135, which the miners' delegates represented, had not paid dues for two years. Armed with this information he went into the convention and broke up the plans of the association by unseating the miners' delegates on these grounds."

MEDICAL COLLEGE DEED.

Shows the Consideration Named \$12,500—The Deed Filled.

The deed to the Kansas Medical college property was placed on record today. The deed is made by Mrs. Lizzie A. Snell and her husband, J. B. Snell of Clay county and the consideration named is \$12,500. The property is the old Hibernian place at the corner of Tyler and Twelfth streets. They purchased the property at sheriff's sale about a year ago.

Strikers Evicted for Unpaid Rent.

NEW YORK, Nov. 15.—Patrick Dempsey, president of the amalgamated board of cloak makers, said today that a great many small firms had settled with the strikers, but that the larger firms are still holding out. More than 100 homeless men sleep nightly on the floors of Valhalla hall. Over 400 strikers have been evicted during the past two weeks for non-payment of rent.

The funeral of Wm. A. Wampler, the Santa Fe brakeman who was killed Tuesday, will take place tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock, at 909 Madison street, tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock. The G. A. R. and the O. R. C. will take part.

Henry Treanor of Holton, the farmer who came so near losing \$1,000 to Geo. Gordon on the gold brick scheme in September, is before the grand jury this afternoon telling his story.

GUILTY OF MURDER.

Col. Colt so Pronounced by Corner for Washington Court House Affair.

COLUMBUS, O., Nov. 15.—Colonel Colt has been pronounced guilty of murder in the first degree by the coroner at Washington Court House on account of men killed by his regiment while assisting the sheriff to protect a prisoner.

JIM HALL TO BOX.

He Is Billed for Eight Rounds at Tattersall's Tonight.

CHICAGO, Nov. 15.—Jim Hall, who is to contest eight rounds at Tattersall's this evening, four each with Henry Baker and Billy Woods, arrived last night. A friend who saw Hall weigh in says this long Australian is thought to be too strong at 160½ pounds, but that if he gains sufficiently to be strong by tonight he will give a good account of himself.

Baker and Woods will see who is to be Hall's first opponent by tossing a coin this afternoon. Frank O'Neal and Tommy West, whose seven-round go is to be a feature of the entertainment, say they will be on hand prepared to gain a favorable decision. One or two other features will precede the main contest.

A clever boxer than Hall probably never stepped into the ring, but whether he is any longer a top-notch, in hand contests is a question about which heavyweights differ. Nevertheless, he invariably attracts a crowd and Parson Davies' entertainment tonight will doubtless send a big delegation down to Tattersall's.

DEATH OF JOHN REID.

Father-in-law of Judge Joseph Hadson—John Brackett Dead.

John Reid died at his home at the corner of Fifteenth and Washington streets at 11 o'clock last night of cancer. He was father-in-law of Judge Joseph Hadson and has lived in Topeka for seven years. For many years he was ward of the Illinois penitentiary at Joliet, and was quite wealthy. He was the owner of considerable real estate in Topeka at the time of his death. He also had several farms in different parts of the state.

He was nearly 85 years old and had been a sufferer from cancer for two years. The hour of funeral has not been fixed. John Brackett, an old soldier living in Oakland died at 7:30 last night of consumption. He will be buried at 10 a. m. tomorrow by Lincoln post.

FROM GRANT'S WORK BENCH.

Gavels Made and Presented to Governor McKinley and Others.

ROCKFORD, Ill., Nov. 15.—Rev. G. R. Van Horn, of this city, presiding elder of the Dixon district, carried to the Epworth league meeting at Mt. Morris today for presentation to Congressman R. R. Hill, a gavel made from the work bench used by General Grant when he scraped hides for his father's tannery at Galena.

Mr. Van Horn bought the entire bench, and will present similar gavels to Col. Lawler, Governor McKinley, and other prominent men. Bishop Vincent, of the Methodist Episcopal church, already has one of these gavels.

W. C. T. U. OFFICERS.

The National Convention Elects Them For the Coming Year.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 15.—The entire morning session of the National W. C. T. U. convention was taken by the election of officers. The results are as follows: National president, Mrs. C. C. Alford, Barnardston, Mass.; vice-president, Mrs. J. B. Walker, Minneapolis, general secretary, Mrs. Helen J. Finney, Cleveland; recording secretary, Mrs. Florence C. Porter, Carleton, Maine; treasurer, Mrs. H. M. Ingham.

CURTIS' PLURALITY.

It Is Larger Than The Most Sanguine Expected—6,694.

Congressman Charles Curtis has received complete returns from all the counties in the Fourth district, and from the non-official figures reported to him he has a plurality over S. M. Scott of 6,694. His plurality two years ago was 2,860.

Mr. Curtis carried every county in the district but Oange which gave a plurality of 225 for Scott.

RINGS.

Chased Roman circles, with small stones gypsy set, are shown.

The marquise vies with the oval cluster for supremacy, while the five stone circle is gaining merited favor.

In five stone circles, as a rule, all the stones are of the same description, though contrasts are preferred by some.

In the cluster ring the opal is much in use as a central stone. In